

Denny Bschor, Acting Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 980, to establish the Moccasin Bend National Historic Site in the State of Tennessee as a unit of the National Park System; and H.R. 1776, Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area Study Act.

NSF SPONSORED AGRICULTURAL BIOTECHNOLOGY RESEARCH

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Research held a hearing on Strengthening NSF Sponsored Agricultural Biotechnology Research, focusing on the following bills: H.R. 2051, to provide for the establishment of regional plant genome and gene expression research and development centers; and H.R. 2912, to authorize the National Science Foundation to establish a grant program for partnerships between United States research organizations and those in developing countries for research on plant biotechnology. Testimony was heard from Mary E. Clutter, Assistant Director, Biological Sciences Directorate, NSF; and public witnesses.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S APPRENTICESHIP APPROVAL PROCESS—REMOVING RED TAPE

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing titled "Removing Red Tape from the Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Approval Process." Testimony was heard from Representative Wicker; and public witnesses.

AVIATION SECURITY—FUTURE OF AVIATION INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MEDICARE REGULATORY AND CONTRACTING REFORM ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 2768, Medicare Regulatory and Contracting Reform Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from Thomas Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Leslie

Aronovitz, Director, Healthcare Program Administration and Integrity Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

PROMOTING SAFE AND STABLE FAMILIES AMENDMENTS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2873, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001.

Joint Meetings

ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 1, to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

MOLDOVA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): Commission concluded hearings to examine the situation in Moldova, focusing on developments in the Transdnistria region and the promised withdrawal of Russian military forces as well as armaments and ammunition from Moldova, after receiving testimony from Steven Pifer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs; Cezlav Ciobanu, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the United States, and Charles King, Georgetown University Department of Government, both of Washington, D.C.; Kimmo Kiljunen, Parliament of Finland and Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Parliamentary Assembly's Working Group on Moldova, Helsinki, Finland; and William Hill, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe Mission to Moldova, Chisinau.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine Administration's perspective with regard to the new federal farm bill; immediately following, a hearing on the nominations of Elsa A. Murano, of Texas, to be Under Secretary for Food Safety, and Edward

R. McPherson, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, both of Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Administration's national money laundering strategy for 2001, 9 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold closed hearings to examine critical energy infrastructure security and the energy industry's response to the events of September 11, 2001, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine psychological trauma and terrorism, focusing on assurance that Americans receive the support they need, 10 a.m., SD-430.

House

Committee on Financial Services, hearing entitled "America's Insurance Industry: Keeping the Promise," 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "Information Technology-Essential Yet Vulnerable: How Prepared Are We for Attack?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing on Improving the Delivery of Transit Services by Easing Regulatory Burdens, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security, hearing on terrorism, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.